

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1359

Introduced by Assembly Member McCarthy

February 21, 2003

An act to add Section 14087.306 to the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to Medi-Cal.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1359, as introduced, McCarthy. Medi-Cal: managed care programs.

Existing law provides for the Medi-Cal program, which is administered by the State Department of Health Services, pursuant to which medical benefits are provided to public assistance recipients and certain other low-income persons. Existing law authorizes the department to contract with any qualified individual, organization, or entity to provide services to Medi-Cal beneficiaries, including the delivery of services on a managed care basis. Under existing law, Medi-Cal services may be provided to a beneficiary or eligible applicant by an individual provider, or through a prepaid managed health care plan, pilot project, or fee-for-service case management provider.

This bill would require the director to expand the Medi-Cal managed care program in selected counties where beneficiaries currently do not have the option to choose a managed care plan.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 14087.306 is added to the Welfare and
2 Institutions Code, to read:
3 14087.306. The director shall expand the Medi-Cal managed
4 care program, pursuant to Section 14087.3, in selected counties
5 where beneficiaries do not currently have the option to choose a
6 managed care plan.

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